

The Statistical Department collects information concerning Building operations from two sources - (1) Local Government Bodies and (2) Builders.

Since 1911, particulars of permits granted have been collected from Corporations and District Councils, and authorizations from Government Departments, for the erection of houses and other buildings, alterations and additions. Permits include Housing Trust operations.

From 1945, returns have been obtained from building contractors and from home builders showing the number of buildings completed each quarter and the number still under construction. Information relating to buildings completed can be segregated into local government districts.

This information is summarised in Tables A and B of this bulletin, a brief description of which follows:

Table A.

This table shows local government permits and authorizations for dwellings according to districts for the years 1956, 1957 and 1958, and for the same years completions summarised from builders' returns. Attention is directed to the explanatory notes on the return.

It is not always possible to reconcile permits with commencements and/or completions because:

- (a) permits are often obtained a considerable time before commencement.
- (b) permits are not required in some country districts and only for portions of some others, and
- (c) occasionally, buildings are not commenced even though permits have been obtained

Completions are shown also in Table A under local government districts in metropolitan and country areas. These relate to dwelling units only and completions of building operations are shown in greater detail in Table B.

Table B.

This table shows details of the different types of buildings commenced, completed and in course of construction for the whole State. Buildings completions are shown for years ended December since 1953 and for December quarters for the years 1956, 1957 and 1958. For the same years, page 2 gives details of commencements during the December quarter, total commencements for the year and buildings under construction at the end of the year.

The number of tradesmen working on jobs in December is divided under the main occupations and totals are shown for previous years.

Permits.

Further information not contained in Table A relating to permits follows:

Permits in the metropolitan area during the year 1958 (1957 in parenthesis) were granted for 5,203 (5,239) dwellings, including 636 (512) homes in 121 (92) flats and 325 (427) homes in 141 (198) maisonettes etc. Other New Buildings totalled 538 (611) and Alterations and Additions 11,283 (11,294). Permits were also granted for 71 (46) old houses to be converted into 179 (99) flats, resulting in an increase of 108 (53) homes - these are not counted as new buildings but as alterations.

The total value of permits and authorizations for all new buildings and alterations in the metropolitan area was estimated at £29,392,306 (£26,933,946). The value of New Private Dwellings was £15,924,969 (£15,957,826); other New Buildings £6,421,513 (£4,510,431); Alterations etc. £3,771,797 (£3,910,245) and Government Buildings £3,274,027 (£2,555,444).

Permits and authorizations for dwellings in Country areas totalled 2,936 (2,473) and the value of all building operations £13,492,391 (£10,388,616).

The total number of permits for dwellings for the Whole State was 8,139 (7,712) and the total value for all building operations £42,884,697 (£37,322,562).

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

BUILDING OPERATIONS

Bulletin No. 2, Table B.

KIND OF BUILDING			BUILDINGS COMPLETED								
			QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER			YEAR ENDED DECEMBER					
			1956	1957	1958	1953c	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
<u>HOUSES</u> - Brick, stone etc.	a.	No.	1,159	1,308	1,335	4,196	4,003	4,599	4,669	4,510	4,946
	b.	No.	433	439	417	1,434	1,315	1,305	1,474	1,485	1,491
Fibro Cement	a.	No.	309	204	177	510	461	820	1,154	927	845
	b.	No.	68	75	77	312	300	291	247	265	294
Weatherboard & Other	a.	No.	26	20	16	1,642	1,334	231	93	95	75
	b.	No.	14	11	16	48	46	40	36	36	54
<u>FLATS</u> - Dwelling units	a.	No.	75	77	201	106	86	126	106	316	562
<u>HOTELS, GUEST HOUSES, ETC.</u>	a.	No.	-	2	5	5	20	14	6	13	13
<u>TOTAL DWELLINGS, ETC.</u>	a.	No.	1,569	1,611	1,734	6,459	5,904	5,790	6,028	5,861	6,441
	b.	No.	515	525	510	1,794	1,661	1,636	1,757	1,786	1,839
	a. b.	No.	2,084	2,136	2,244	8,253	7,565	7,426	7,785	7,647	8,280
	a. b.	£000	6,456	7,015	7,218	21,747	21,328	21,827	24,263	25,040	26,875
<u>FACTORIES</u>	a.	No.	38	53	38	53	107	128	175	149	119
		£000	760	1,198	856	752	1,950	1,898	4,189	2,575	1,888
<u>OTHER NEW BUILDINGS</u>	a.	No.	161	195	207	533	696	580	701	709	672
		£000	1,742	1,965	5,982	2,819	5,012	4,396	6,377	8,713	13,881
<u>TOTAL NEW BUILDINGS</u>	a. b.	No.	2,283	2,384	2,489	8,839	8,368	8,134	8,661	8,505	9,071
	a. b.	£000	8,958	10,178	14,056	25,318	28,290	28,121	34,829	36,328	42,644

a. By Building Contractors.

b. By Home Builders

c. Excluding 360 Migrants' flats converted at Gepps Cross.

ACTUALLY WORKING ON JOBS LAST WORKING DAY

(Excluding those engaged only in minor repairs, etc., and own home builders.)

December 1958

December 1957, 10,743

Contractors and Sub-contractors 2,911. Wage Earners 9,272. Total 12,284, which includes persons